

# In Focus

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## October Program–Visions of Color and Light: Style and Emotion in Photography by Tom and Pat Cory

We are excited to have been invited back to present the October program for your dynamic and talented organization. Our program will ex-

#### plore how style and technique interact with each other in the production of a meaningful image. Our program will have images as diverse as rusting cars, pastoral landscapes, majestic mountains, hummingbirds, etc., from locations as diverse as the Sahara Desert and the coastal waters of Alaska. There are many different approaches to creating images but we will share our de-



cision making process to illustrate how different styles interpret the interplay of color and light. We hope our presentation will be both enjoyable, educational, and encourage everyone to try different styles and techniques in their photography.

Tom and Pat have been conducting photography workshops for many years. Their schedule consists of a number of different types of workshops from international photo tours to shorter local workshops, and is posted on their website <u>www.tomandpatcory.com</u>. They also offer individual photography lessons and portfolio reviews.

## Fifth Annual Scott Kelby Photowalk

The Fifth Annual Scott Kelby Photowalk will be held on October 13th this year. If you are interested in more information or if you would like to sign up, just go to <u>http://worldwidephotowalk.com</u>

and put in Huntsville, Alabama in the 'find a photowalk' section, it will take you to Diana Davidson's photowalk page. The location of the walk is the Goldsmith/Schiffman Wildlife Sanctuary located off HWY 431 near Hampton Cove. It is scheduled from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The Sanctuary spans more than 375 acres of bottomland hardwood habitat and is the home for many wildlife and a popular location for birders. Sign up is limited to 50 participants and there are only 8 slots remaining.

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## **From The President**

Well, Fall finally has arrived, and it's my favorite time of year. The weather is beautiful, the temperatures are almost perfect, and the colors are starting to change. HPS has a lot going on right now. The annual Scott Kelby Photowalk is coming up on the 13<sup>th</sup> at the Goldsmith-Schiffman Wildlife Sanctuary, led by Diana Davidson. Our exhibit at the Huntsville Museum of Art opens later this month, and we will kick it off with a reception on the 21<sup>st</sup>; stay tuned for more details. Joy Henderson has arranged for Rick Sammon, an internationally-known photographer, instructor, and author to be here on May 11<sup>th</sup> of next year. His presentation will be at UA Huntsville's Chan Auditorium from 1:00 – 4:00 PM, so plan on attending; this is a rare opportunity to have someone of this stature right here in Huntsville.

Larry Perry was our September Program presenter. He discussed four photography applications that he uses and wanted us to be aware of. One of those applications was Photoshop, which Larry teaches at the University of Tennessee, and he shared some great techniques and tips. He then showed us his wildlife images, which were spectacular, and told us how he shot them.

Joe Fikes judged our Open competition this month. Joe is a local semiprofessional photographer and photography instructor. The Open competitions always bring out a wide variety of image subjects, and this month's competition was no exception. Joe told me after the meeting how hard it was to down-select the images to the Places and Honorable Mentions. During the presentations of the winners, he gave valuable comments that were applicable to all of us. Congratulations to all the winners – be sure and check them out in the newsletter and on our Smug Mug site.

Our competition topic for this month is Weather, somewhat of a wide open topic. I can't wait to see what you all do with this! Go out and take some photos!!





The opening date for the 2012 Huntsville Photographic Society Exhibit at the Huntsville Museum of Art will be Sunday, October 21, 2012, with an HPS sponsored reception from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. that afternoon. The exhibit includes 50 images from HPS members, selected by the HMA.

## **Photo Ops**

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<u>Tennessee Old Time Fiddlers Convention</u>, Athens University, Athens, AL, Oct 5-6,2012. The Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention is Oct 5-6 at Athens State University, Athens, AL, www.athens.edu/fiddlers. It is known as the "Granddaddy of Midsouth Fiddlers Conventions" for its role in reviving the tradition of competition in old time music. Approximately, 15,000 people are expected to attend the convention this year from more than 30 states. The convention brings some 200 contestants to compete for top prize money. There are 18 different categories, including several fiddle and guitar categories, harmonica, mandolin, bluegrass banjo, dulcimer, old time singing, banjo, and buck dancing.

<u>Shelby Iron works Fall Festival</u>, Shelby AL, Oct 13-14, 2012 .Annual Fall Festival. Museum Open. Antique sawmill in operation, grinding of corn at the 1870's grist mill, syrup mill turning cane juice into syrup using old fashioned open pan method, blacksmiths and farriers demonstrating their work. Location: Shelby Iron Works 10268 CR 42, Shelby Alabama 35143. www.shelbyironworks.com .

<u>Heritage Festival</u>, Huntsville AL, Oct 20, 2012, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For info call 256-533-4118 or www.burrittonthemountain.com. Admission charged. Burritt on the Mountain--Get a taste of history, culture, education and the outdoors at Burritt's Heritage Festival, celebrating cultures from around the world. Experience the music, dance, food, crafts and history of other countries while you enjoy fall on the mountain.

<u>Alabama Renaissance Faire</u>, Florence AL, Oct 27-28, 2012, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sat., 1-5 p.m. Sun. www.alarenfaire.org. Free. Wilson Park--Voted one of the top 20 events in the Southeast during the month of October, the Alabama Renaissance is a premier event that transforms Wilson Park into Fountain-on-the-Green for an entire weekend. It is common to find pirates, fairies, trolls, maidens, kings, and everything in between roaming the park during this exciting event. Vendors, demonstrators, and performers will be situated throughout the park for the entire event. Everyone is welcome especially those clothed in Renaissance attire.

## Autumn Brilliance Photography Workshop

October 19-22, 2012, presented by the Great Smokey Mountains Institute at Tremont, www.gsmit.org/fallphoto.html. Willard Clay, widely recognized as one of our nation's preeminent landscape photographers, leads this annual workshop. Unlike many photography workshops, our price includes meals, lodging and instruction by one of the finest teams of photography instructors anywhere in the country. Combine that with the location inside Great Smoky Mountains National Park and it is a real steal.

This fall, there will be a formal presentation on basic composition and a presentation on *What Is Your Photographic Style?* which will be something brand new to the Smokies photo workshop. There will also be demonstrations on Photoshop techniques, close-up techniques, and wildlife photography. And, of course, the concluding critique session of work completed during the workshop. **Cost: \$611.** Includes meals, lodging and instruction. JUST FOR WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS-All participants will receive a discount coupon from Showcase Camera in Atlanta. This coupon will be valid both in the store and on their website at www.showcaseinc.com.

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	September Competition Results Subject - Open Judge - Joe Fikes				
	Digital (92)	Color Prints (102)	Monochrome Prints (40)		
1st	Geri Reddy	John Kirwin	Henry Smith		
2nd John Kirwin		Barbara Montgomery	Dave Edens		
3rd Diana Davidson		Ron Atchley	Garth Fraser		
НМ	Jerry Green	Glenn Romanczuk	Jeanie Hodges		
НМ	Jerry Green	Glenn Romanczuk	Diana Davidson		
НМ	Jerry Green	Ron Atchley	Diana Davidson		
НМ	Joy Henderson	Bob Topp	Ron Atchley		
НМ	Virginia Gilbert	Veronica Beaudry			
НМ	Virginia Gilbert	Liz High			
НМ	Virginia Gilbert	Garth Fraser			
HM Kathy Seeds		Doris Leverett			
HM Tim Solomon		Emily Saile			
НМ		Cliff Loehr			

#### **Costco Sponsorship**

Thank you, Costco, for sponsoring HPS monthly competitions! Prizes are awarded for l st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category. <u>Prizes must be redeemed within</u> <u>30 days or before the next month's competition (whichever comes first).</u> Members should come to Costco photo lab to claim the prize.

## **Digital Competition Entries**

1024 pixels wide - maximum 768 pixels tall - maximum 800 KB file size - maximum Correct file name format YY-MM-#-FirstLast.jpg example: 12-08-3-JaneDoe.jpg

Common file naming errors include: Incorrect order of items Using underscore rather than dash Space between first and last names jpeg instead of jpg

Images should be attachments to your email, not imbedded in the email itself

Email subject line should read "HPS Contest" -- not anything else

Deadline for digital submissions is <u>MIDNIGHT</u> on the third Monday of the month. That is when the gallery closes and is sent to the judge. <u>Do not wait until the last minute</u>.

#### Email entries to: hpscontest@gmail.com

Name	2012 points	2012 wins
Diana Davidson	56	20
Ronald Atchley	50	18
John Kirwin	35	15
Martha Teal	30	14
Barb Montgomery	25	14
Henry Smith	22	10
Geri Reddy	20	12
Tim Solomon	19	6
Glen Romanczuk	16	6
Joy Henderson	15	6
Ernie High	13	3
Margaret Phillips	13	7
Barb Staggs	12	5
Ben Evanko	10	4
Don Wolfe	10	7
Tom Bryant	9	5
Jerry Green	9	9
Dave Edens	8	3
Cliff Loehr	8	4
Emily Saile	8	6
Veronica Beaudry	7	7
Don Bennett	7	4
Garth Frazer	6	4
Virginia Gilbert	6	6
Susi Stroud	6	3
Sam Tumminello	6	4

Name	2012 points	2012 wins
David Blue	5	5
Cheryl Colbey	5	2
Bill Courtney	5	2
Trudi Gardner	5	2
Jens Lambert	5	5
Gayle Biggs	4	4
Carol Blue	4	4
Sarah Curtis	4	2
Bart Fay	4	1
Judy Fleming	4	1
Doris Leverett	4	2
Mike Lyon	4	4
Barb Hitt	2	2
Jackie Rudolph	2	2
Kathryn Seeds	2	2
Liz Smith	2	2
Bob Topp	2	2
Peter Ashley	1	1
Robert Fox	1	1
Liz High	1	1
Jeanie Hodges	1	1
Roger Hunter	1	1
Charles Leverett	1	1
Dave McGuiness	1	1
Richard Modlin	1	1
Alan Montgomery	1	1
Eddie Sewall	1	1
Walt Tyszka	1	1

## **Members Out and About**



HPS member Margaret Phillips attended a Bearwoods photography workshop in Grand Tetons National Park in Sep 2012, with instructors David Akoubian, Cecil Holmes and Marvin Price. Some of the locations visited during the workshop included Snake River Overlook, Schwabacher Landing, Oxbow Bend and Mormon Row. Visibility of the mountains was somewhat hampered due to smoke from wildfires, however, there were other landscape subjects including aspens, as well as wildlife: moose, antelope, bison, and elk were plentiful.



Photos by Margaret Phillips



Margaret getting up close
Photo by Jimmy Day



Don Millbranth Jeanie Hodges Pete Dobbs Greg Barsh Zita McCall Robert & Janice Andrews

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## **First Place Winners**



Monochrome Print by Henry Smith



Digital by Geri Reddy



Color Print by John Kirwin

## <u>Reminder</u>

There is a Fifth Monday in October, "Members Forum". This is an informal meeting, held at the same time and place as regular meetings, where any photography subject is open for discussion. Members discuss equipment, share info, get advice. Meeting is open to the public.

## 2012 HPS Meeting Info

Oct 8 - Emotion and Style by Tom and Pat Cory

Oct 22 – Weather Competition

Oct 29 – Members Forum

Nov 12– 3D Photography by Lee Pratt

Nov 26 - Barns Competition

Dec 10- Best Of Year Dinner

Jan 28, 2013 - Metal Competition

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Website for Digital Competition results: <u>www.HPSPhotos.smugmug.com</u>



Meeting Information:

HPS meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the Huntsville/Madison County Public Library-Main Branch, 915 Monroe St.

Annual Membership Dues: \$20.00 due Jan 1st (\$18.00 if renewal paid before start of the Calendar year). Membership required to submit entries in monthly competitions.